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Applicants: BLEY et al  
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From Pyrotechnic Reactions  
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**REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION**

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Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed July 20, 2004, in connection with the above-identified application.

Claims 11-13, 15-18, 20 to 23 and 25 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as anticipated by or, in the alternative, under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as obvious over DE 195 05 568A1 to Redecker et al. Claims 14, 19, and 24 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Redecker et al. Applicants traverse these rejections and request reconsideration thereof.

The present invention relates to a method for reducing nitrogen oxides in gas mixtures from pyrotechnic reactions. The method includes carrying out a pyrotechnic reaction of a gas generating substance to generate a gas